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Joint Membership and Training Subcommittees

The Massachusetts Technical Rescue Joint Membership and Training Subcommittees held a virtual meeting in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A sec. 20 on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. and open to the public virtually through Microsoft Teams videoconference.

Present at the meeting were the following members:

Membership Subcommittee:

Kelly Manning, Chair
Francis Otting
Seth Colby
Deputy Director of Special Operations, Paul Betti

Fire Chiefs Association of Mass.
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Training Subcommittee:

Iain McGregor, Chair
Mark McCabe
Shawn Green
John Weir

PFFM
Region 1
Region 3
Region 5

Kerry Marcotte

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Absent at the meeting were the following members:

Membership Subcommittee:

Shawn Simmons
Robert Pensivy
Paul Pronco

Region 1
Region 4
Region 5

Training Subcommittee:

Paul Morrison
Steven Chandler

Region 2
Region 4

1. Meeting Opening and Introductions

Kelly Manning opened the meeting at approximately 1:03pm. Read disclosure regarding meeting being recorded for the purposes of creating meeting minutes

2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting

Otting made motion to approve, seconded by McCabe. All in favor via a roll call vote.

3. Discuss tech rescue sub-committee correspondence

No tech rescue sub-committee correspondence.

4. Old Business

- a. NFPA Matrix Document/Training Hours Breakdown
 - John Weir that he is working with Marc McCabe And RJ Pensivy to get this together and reports he should have the document completed prior to next meeting.

5. New Business

- a. Draft Scoring Tool for membership applications
 - McCabe reports that he did work on this and had forwarded a draft membership application with suggested point value for classes listed on the application to Betti and McGregor. Betti shared the screen with McCabe's most recent draft. The following changes were made:
 - i. Change structural collapse operations level to awareness level
 - ii. Changed dates of application since legislation has not passed yet
 - Discussion of specialized training in other disciplines and the points values associated with this. McCabe points out that points value should be associated with the length of the course – he reports that this is just a recommendation that he would like to discuss. Generally speaking, the goal is to spell out specific points value and not be generic.
 - i. Change Structural Collapse to 18 points, add it as specifically the 80 hour program
 - ii. Change Urban Search and Rescue Medical Specialist to 15 points
 - 1. Colby asks about consideration if a member was an EMT or paramedic. He suggests giving EMTs/paramedics 5 points.
 - a. Ultimately it was decided to give EMTs or Paramedics 5 points on the application.
 - iii. Colby asks about hazmat tech and those possessing a commercial driver's license
 - 1. Discussion about whether a waiver could be issued for the need for a CDL or if this would be needed for federal deployment. Betti reports he will reach out to hazmat counterparts to find out. Green reports that hazmat techs only need it to take it to non-emergency events. Green reports that for the Task Force, when state lines are crossed, drivers need to have a class B CDL. McCabe states that it could be an issue on a return trip from a deployment. It was decided to give 5 points for CDL.
 - iv. Hazmat Tech – it was decided to give five points for Massachusetts Hazmat Tech training.
 - v. ICS for Structural Collapse – agreed to drop to three points
 - vi. Ice Rescue – agreed to drop to 3 points
- b. Draft Team Coordinator Job Description

- Discussion of whether roles would be elected or appointed, it has been agreed that team and training coordinators would be appointed by the steering committee in alternating years. For the other positions, such as truck manager, etc. These would also be appointed by the steering committee.
- Discussion of section 5.2 and how long an assistant coordinator should serve in an acting capacity – it was decided that this should go to DFS legal and may be beyond the scope of this committee.
- It was determined that there may be benefit to keeping 7.1.1 - 7.1.4 more loosely defined

c. Draft Training Coordinator Job Description – agreed to table this for the next meeting.

6. Any matters not reasonably anticipated

None.

7. Tasks and Assignments

- a. Weir to work on finishing Matrix with water related items.
- b. McGregor to work on Training Coordinator Job Description

8. Future Agenda Items

- a. Old Business
 - NFPA Matrix with water related items included
- b. New Business
 - Draft Training Coordinator Job Description

9. Determination of future meeting dates

March 3, 2026 at 1 pm. Motion made by Weir to adjourn, second by Otting. Meeting adjourned 1402.